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2521-33 McCULLOH STREET

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

Built between 1901 and 1914, these are the standard Marble Houses built throughout Baltimore City. They are two-story, light brick, flat-roofed structures with extensive planes of marble on the facade. The Classical tendency is revealed in the stained-glass transoms and metal cornices. Private access.

MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FORM
SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER SURVEY

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A

other names/site number rowhouses/ B-4459 (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 2521-33 McCulloh St. not for publication

city or town Baltimore vicinity N/A
state Maryland code MD county Baltimore City code 510
zip code 21217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
7	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation marble

roof

walls BRICK

other STONE: marble
METAL

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance See continuation sheet.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

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Period of Significance 1901-40

Significant Dates 1901-14

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maps

Bromley, G.W. and Co. Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Vol. 1. Philadelphia: 1885, 1896.
Hopkins, G.M. Map of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. 1876, 1877.
Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. 2,3, and 7. New York: 1890, 1901, 1914, 1928.
Simmons, Isaac. 1852 Revision of the Thomas H. Poppleton Map. Baltimore: 1852.

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Lot = 13' x 100'

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 — — — 3 — — —
2 — — — 4 — — —

— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 3418A, Lots 40-46

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are based on a city lot(s) retaining original property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Washington state DC zip code 20009

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name multiple owners

street&number telephone
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21217

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning; Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic

Known Design Source: none

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DESCRIPTION

This row, built between 1901-14, is a fine example of the standard Marble House typical of Baltimore City. The numerous broad, flat marble white details create a striking contrast with the red brick facade.

The two-story, two-bay units demonstrate a strong degree of consistency and an unusual integrity of visible original wall material (brick and marble).

The marble basements are capped in a wide watertable band and contain two small squarish windows with flat heads. The first-story windows are characterized by a single broad opening headed by a flat marble lintel. Originally, the lower portion of the window contained a double-hung, one-over-one sash. The upper portion contained a stained-glass transom. The second-story windows originally appeared much as they do today, with one-over-one, double-hung sash.

The bracketed stamped metal cornice has a brick tooth molding below, creating a strong shadow line above the second story.

Many of the original, first-floor window configurations are current alterations.

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SIGNIFICANCE

This group of "Marble Houses" may have been constructed by any of the prominent Baltimore developer/builders who specialized in this type of construction, including Frank Novak, James Keelty, or Edward Gallagher. The typical path of many of these builders was to begin their career with the construction of Marble Houses in East or West Baltimore.¹ Advertisements from the E.J. Gallagher Realty Company of the 1911-15 period, for example, sell Marble Houses and early porch-fronted houses under the nomenclature of "Lifetime Homes." These advertisements point out that Marble Houses were "heated by modern hot water," and sold for only \$1875.²

Marble Houses have been classified in previous rowhouse research work³ as belonging to an "Artistic" period of rowhouse development (the other styles of this period were defined as the Queen Anne and Swell Front). The form was built in both two- and three-story versions, but it is the two-story version which became a successful commodity, and can thus be found throughout East Baltimore, as well as West.

The plan of Marble Houses included a stair run up from the entrance hall in an a straight path along a side wall, adjacent to the dining room. The dining room, being the center room, was a "blind," windowless room, because the kitchen was incorporated into the unit as a whole, instead of being attached via a backbuilding. Marble Houses included all the current conveniences, such as gas, electricity, central heat, and complete bathrooms.

¹ Mary Ellen Hayward, Records from the Rowhouse Exhibition, Peale Museum, undated.

² Tom Lachman, "Know Your Rowhouse," The News American Sunday Magazine, September 6, 1981.

³ Mary Ellen Hayward, "Rowhouse: A Baltimore Style of Living," 3 Centuries of Maryland Architecture, A Selection of Presentation made at the 11th Annual Conference of the Maryland Historic Trust.

SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER/PENN-NORTH
RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL SURVEY FORM

Survey No. B-4459

Neg. No. 7/21

Historic Name _____

Current Name/Use _____

Address(es) 2521-33 McCulloh Street

Resource/Property Type ☒ Rowhouses
 ☐ Commercial Structure
 ☐ Public/Institutional Building
☒ Attached ☐ Public Housing
☐ Freestanding ☐ Site
 ☐ Other

Note: _____

Stories 2 + B

Primary Material brick Secondary Material marble, stamped metal

Roof Form flat

No. of Bays in Unit/Facade 2 If Rowhouse: ☒ Flat Front ☐ Swell Front ☐ Porch

Window Type: ☒ Double-Hung Door Type: ☒ Single-Leaf
 ☒ 1/1 Sash ☐ Double-Leaf
 ☐ 2/2 Sash ☐ Number of panels (if visible)
 ☐ 2/1 Sash ☒ Transom
 ☒ Other Sash
 ☒ Transom

Architectural Style "Marble Houses"/Classical Revival Date c. 1901-14

Summary/Noteworthy Features: This row is a fine example of the standard "Marble House" of Baltimore City. Stamped metal bracketed cornice with brick tooth molding below. Doubled windows on some 1st and 2nd floors, varied replacement windows. Openings have stone lintels and sills.

Alterations: ☐ Formstone ☐ Stucco
 ☐ Vinyl/Aluminum ☒ Window/Door Changes
 ☐ Awnings ☐ Missing Cornice Elements
 ☐ First-Floor Use Change ☐ Other: _____

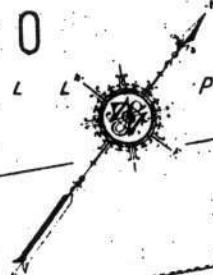
Status: ☒ Occupied ☐ Vacant ☐ Mixed
NR Evaluation: ☒ Contributing ☐ Non-Contributing

Recommended for Intensive Level: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Surveyor: Joey Lamp
Date: February-April 1992

Affiliation: Robinson & Associates

DRUID HILL PARK



CLOVERDALE RD.

RD.

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UNITED RAILWAYS & ELECTRIC CO.
MADISON AVE. CAR BARN

STORAGE

UNITED RAILWAYS & ELECTRIC CO.

BROOKS LANE

DRUID HILL AV.

MCCULLOH

MADISON AV.

MORRIS

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Sanborn Map, 1914

C.L. ROGERS
Grading & Auto Building



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Baltimore West Quadrangle

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MARCH 1992

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

ROLL 7 / NEG 21

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Leonard Jackson

July 1992

City of Baltimore, Commission for Historical and Architectural
Preservation

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WEST ELEVATION

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Roll 9 / Neg 29